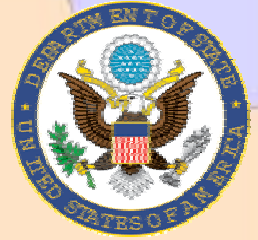


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1.0 Neutralize the Insurgents

- ï Iraq and Coalition forces continue operations to neutralize the insurgents.

2.0 Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraqís Electoral Process through 2005

- ï The opening session of the newly-elected Transitional National Assembly is scheduled for March 16.

3.0 Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services

- ï PCO and USAID have started over 2,000 infrastructure and essential services projects, representing more than two-thirds of planned projects.
- ï The World Bank has agreed to give Baghdad Municipality an additional \$50 million to help upgrade public amenities.



Highlights

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4.0 Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

- ï The average hours of available power in Baghdad from February 28 to March 6 was 9.3 hours. The average oil production nationwide from February 28 to March 6 was 2.09 million barrels per day (MBPD).

5.0 Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law

- ï A human rights center in south central Iraq renovated a portion of their facility through an Iraq Transition Initiative grant to provide training for those interested in human rights and the democratic process.
- ï Following the assassination of an Iraqi Special Tribunal (IST) judge, the RCLO, Embassy Security Officers and MNF-I are working together closely to provide judges and their staff with additional security training.

6.0 Maintain International Engagement and Support

- ï NATO has declared that NATO Training Mission - Iraq (NTM-I) has reached initial operating ability.
- ï In preparation for future UN presences in Basra and Erbil, the UN requested additional "inner ring" security personnel from the Government of Fiji to support the peacekeeping mission in Iraq.



[1.0] Neutralize the Insurgents ñ Iraqi Security Forces Update

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	55,015
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	26,874
TOTAL	81,889*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	59,880
AIR FORCE	186
NAVY	517
TOTAL	60,583**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

142,472

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are not included in these numbers

[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraqís Electoral Process through 2005 ñ **Developments**



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ITG Formation:

- ï The opening session of the newly-elected Transitional National Assembly (TNA) is scheduled for March 16. The 275-seat assembly will begin its work on this date ó the selection of a prime minister and other senior posts for the Iraq Transitional Government (ITG) notwithstanding.
- ï TNA members-elect and political parties continue consultations and negotiations regarding the formation of the ITG.

[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 ñ **Developments**



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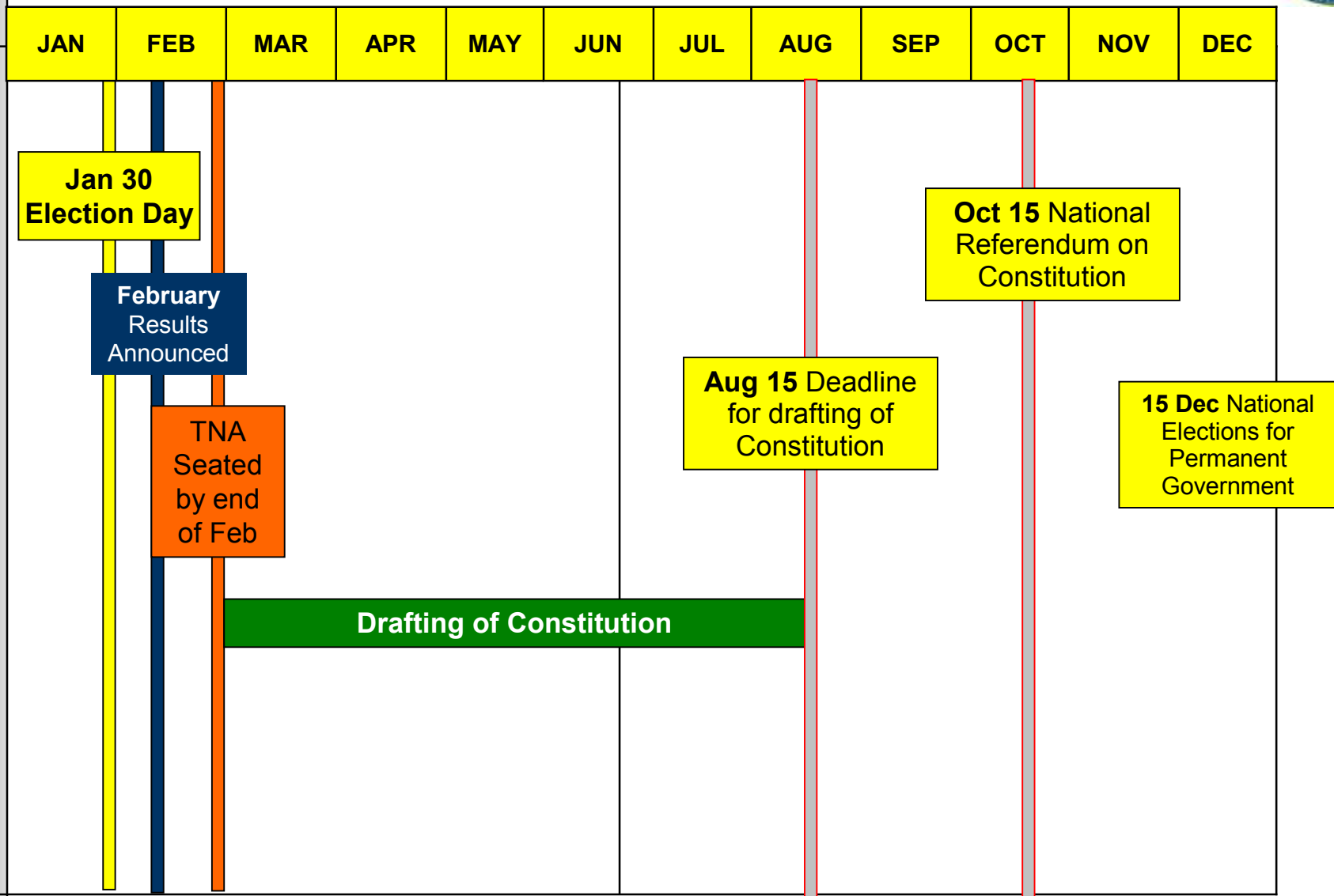
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Transitional National Assembly (TNA):

ï The TNA will:

- Serve as Iraq's national legislature until the election of a new government under a permanent constitution.
- Approve a Presidency Council, consisting of a president and two deputy presidents, by a two-thirds vote. The Presidency Council will then appoint a Prime Minister. The Prime Minister and his Council of Ministers must receive a vote of confidence in the Assembly by a simple majority.
- According to the Transitional Administrative Law, the TNA is to draft Iraq's new Constitution by August 15, 2005; this will be presented to the Iraqi people for their approval in a national referendum by October 15, 2005.
- If it is approved, an election for a permanent Iraqi government under that new Constitution will occur by the end of 2005.

[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraqís Electoral Process through 2005 ñ **Electoral Process Timeline**

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[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ **Economy**

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending March 4 closed with Kirkuk Crude at \$44.46/barrel, Basra Light at \$44.04/barrel, and the OPEC basket at \$47.23/barrel.

Employment Update:

- Number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects in each sector

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	23,647	23,139	-2.1%
USAID	72,096	78,937	9.5%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	5,100	4,720	-7.5%
MILCON (Military Construction)	872	940	7.8%
*CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	33,671	33,671	0.0%
MNSTC-I	12,764	12,612	-1.2%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	13,707	12,554	-8.4%
GRAND TOTAL	161,857	166,573	2.9%



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ Health Care and Food Security

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Health Care:

- ï Construction is underway on 93 new primary health care (PHC) facilities across Iraq. There were nine new starts this week, and 18 have passed the 25 percent completion mark. Under the Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Program (AIRP), an additional six PHCs are under construction and three are completed. There are currently 19 hospitals under renovation, with one completed.
- ï Representatives from the Centers for Disease Control visited Baghdad to work with the Ministry of Health to conduct a rapid on-site assessment for the establishment of an integrated electronic public health surveillance system that detects, identifies, investigates and responds adequately to infectious disease outbreaks.

Public Distribution System (PDS):

- ï The Ministry of Trade is predicting March shortages in the public distribution system (PDS) for key commodities of the ration basket - wheat, rice, oil and pulses; however, preliminary information suggests that ongoing import deliveries and distributions may alleviate the expected shortages.
- ï The Ministry of Trade reported that it is in the process of signing contracts to import US rice and wheat, in an effort to diversify its sources for PDS commodities.

[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ Job Creation and Education



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Job Creation:

ï Ongoing consultations between the Iraq Interim Government and USG are focused on how the US can leverage reconstruction programs to support Iraqi efforts to reduce unemployment.

Education:

ï PCO completed 202 school renovations to date, with 444 more under construction. Under the Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Program (AIRP), there are an additional 13 school renovations underway; 26 have been completed.

ï A total of 837 schools are currently undergoing rehabilitation and a total of 3,000 schools have been rehabilitated as of March 2. 800 schools are scheduled for completion by mid-2005.

ï USAID is planning a grants program to replace mud schools with concrete facilities. Initially, two communities in each Directorate of Education pledging the most participation will receive grants, with additional communities receiving grants as funding permits. Local directorates selected the schools for participation, choosing schools with the highest number of children. While most mud schools are primary schools, some are secondary and some are mixed. The new schools will feature six classrooms and will cost between \$60,000 and \$75,000 each. There are more than 900 mud schools throughout Iraq, each educating about 100-150 students.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ **Water and Sanitation and Telecommunications**

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Water and Sanitation:

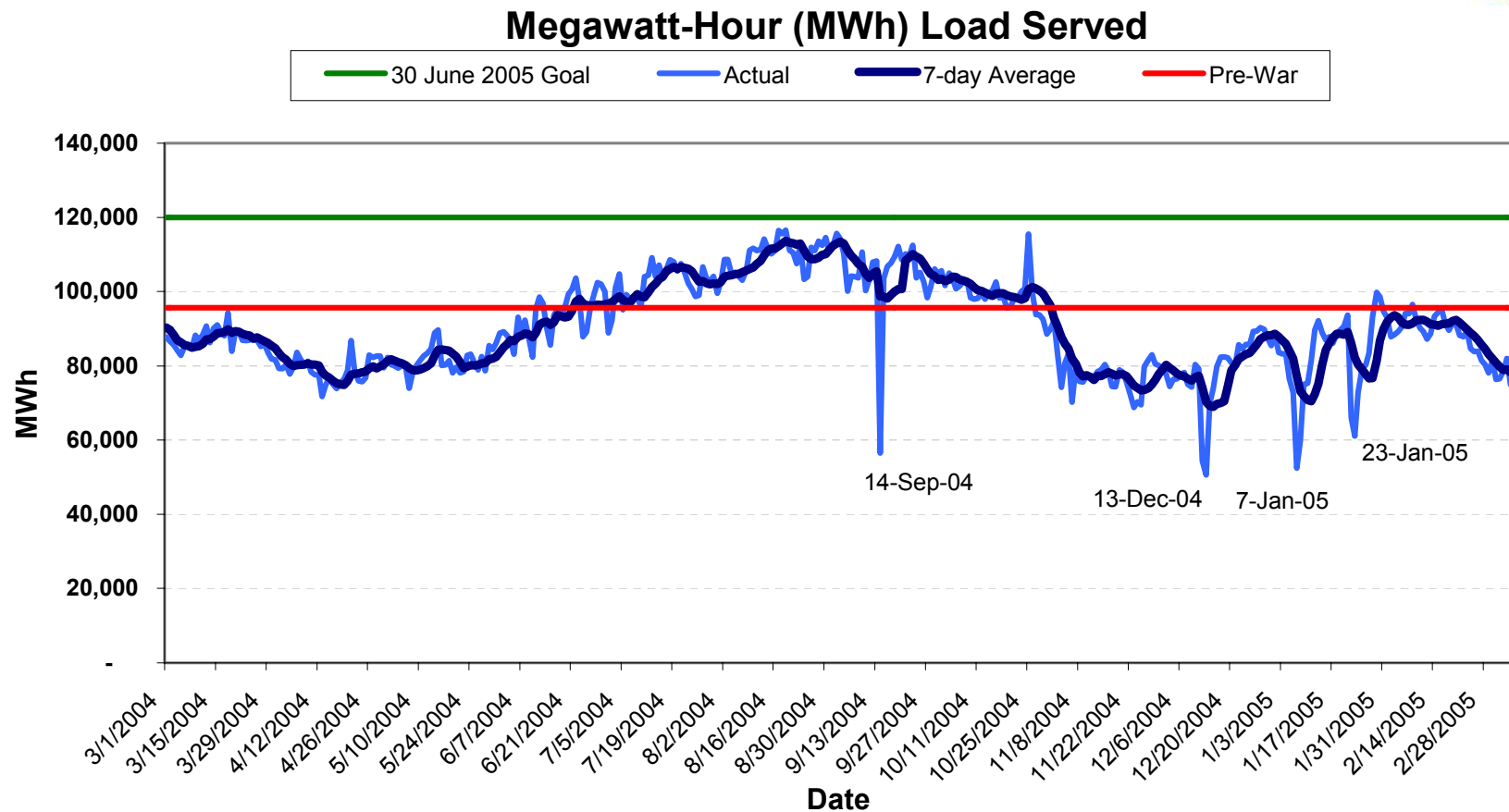
- ï Construction started on a water distribution network in the Kut District, Wassit Governorate. This project will repair existing pipelines and provide additional pipelines throughout the distribution networks. Local contractors, suppliers, craftsmen and laborers in these areas will be used to maximize rapid employment opportunities for local Iraqi men and women. Construction is scheduled for completion in August.
- ï The World Bank has agreed to give Baghdad Municipality an additional \$50 million to upgrade public amenities. The Mayor of Baghdad attended an international water conference in Washington, DC where he provided details of Baghdadís current drinking water capacity and projected requirements until 2015.

Telecommunications:

- ï The number of telephone landline subscribers throughout Iraq is 982,561 and the number of cell phone subscribers is 1,659,638. This combined total of 2,642,199 is 214 percent greater than the number of active landline subscribers before the war.
- ï Internet subscriptions have risen 8 percent to 140,293 over the past month.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ Electricity Overview

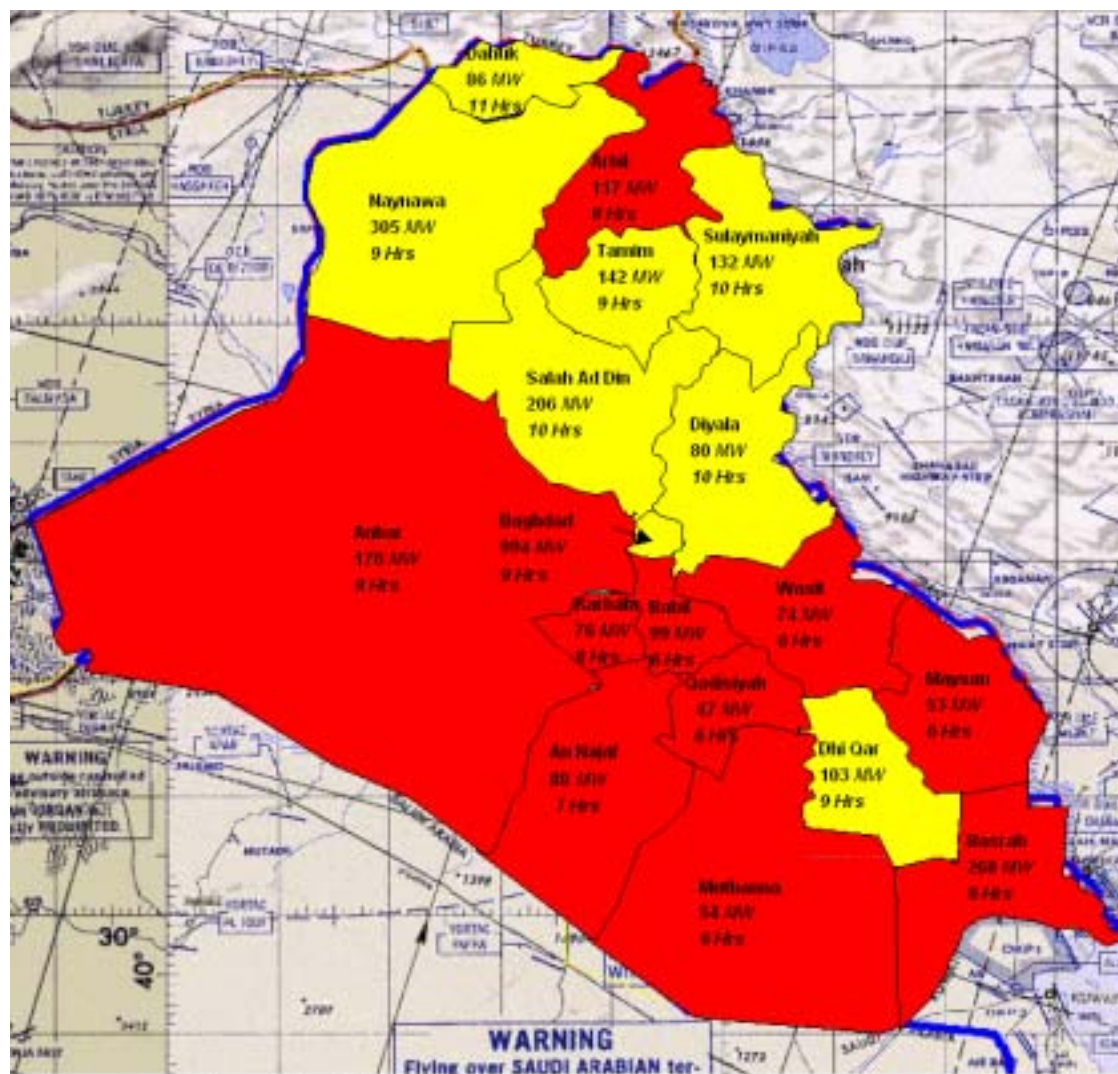


- ï Electricity load served in the last week (February 28 ñ 6 March) was 82,000 MWh.
- ï Hours of available power averaged 9.3 in Baghdad.
- ï Unplanned and planned outages remain high at 1215 MW and 1036 MW, respectively.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services ñ Hours of Power

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Average hours of Electrical Service provided over a 7 Day Period

≤ 8 Hrs = Red	
9 to 15 Hrs = Amber	
≥ 16 Hrs = Green	
No Report = White	

Percent Change in MW over a 7 Day Period

Baghdad	-9
Dahuk	-3
Naynawa	-4
Arbil	-2
Sulaymaniyah	-5
Tamim	-1
Salah Ad Din	-2
Anbar	-10
Diyala	1
Babil	-4
Karbala	-30
Najaf	-12
Qadisiyah	FLAT
Wasit	FLAT
Muthanna	7
Dhi Qar	-8
Maysan	11
Basrah	-5

Average Electrical Power Distribution per Governorate for the period 24 FEB - 2 MAR 2005

Average Hours of Power all over the Country is about 8 Hours per Day



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

Iraq Currency and Securities Exchanges:

- i At the New Iraqi Dinar (NID) auction on March 7, the settlement price was 1,460 dinars per USD with a total of 12 banks trading. The following table shows the purchase value of the top five banks:

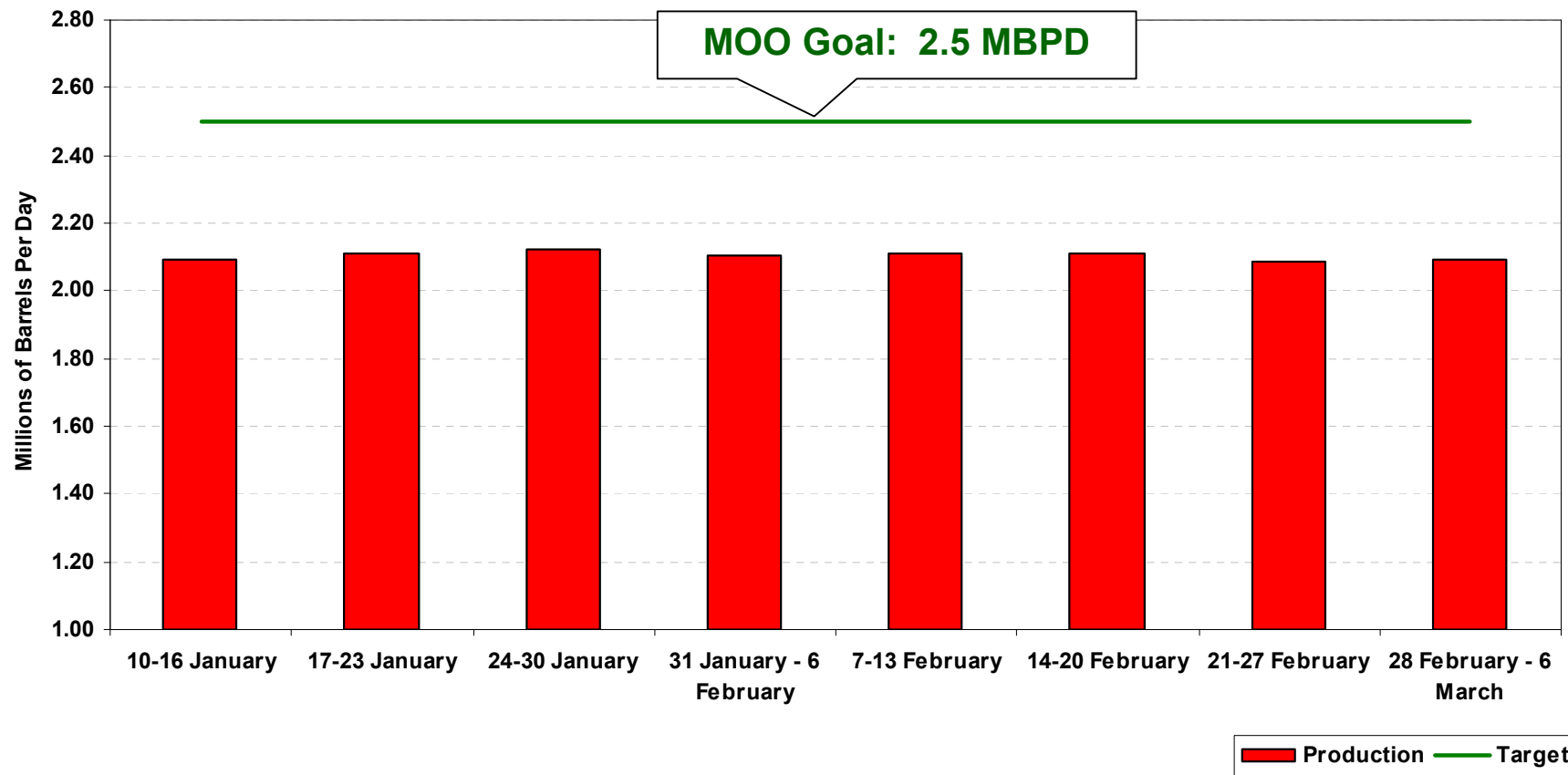
Bank Name	Qty Sold (in thousands of USD)	Percentage of Total Auction
Al-Warkaa Bank	\$10,000	26.34%
Al-Rasheed	\$4,170	10.98%
Agriculture Bank	\$3,600	9.48%
Middle East Bank	\$3,570	9.40%
Investment Bank	\$3,520	9.27%
Total	\$24,860	65.47%
Total Amt Sold on 3/7/05	\$37,970	
Total Amt Sold on 2/28/05	\$24,085	
Total Amt Sold on 2/22/05	\$14,225	
Total Amt Sold on 2/15/05	\$17,245	

- i The Ministry of Finance auctioned ID 200 billion (about \$137 million) in T-Bills on March 7; the settlement yield was three percent with six banks offering winning bids. The following shows the results of the previous four auctions:

Date of Auction	Amount of issue	Term of Security (in days)	Maturity Date	Number Competitive Bidders	Winning Bidders	Total Valid Competitive Bids	Total Competitive Awarded	Cover Ratio %	Bid Range Yields	Cut off yield	Amount Sold
1/16/2005	100.030	91	4/18/2005	11	9	127.000	97.530	130.22	3.00% - 6.80%	5.50%	100.030
2/6/2005	100.040	91	5/9/2005	11	7	137.400	96.940	141.74	3.00%-7.00%	5.00%	100.040
2/20/2005	150.020	91	5/23/2005	10	4	253.000	145.520	173.86	3.00 %- 7.00%	3.00%	150.020
3/6/2005	200.040	91	6/6/2005	8	6	399.500	197.040	202.75	2.00%- 6.90%	3.00%	200.040



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy ñ Crude Oil Production



ï Weekly Average (February 28 ñ March 6): 2.09 MBPD

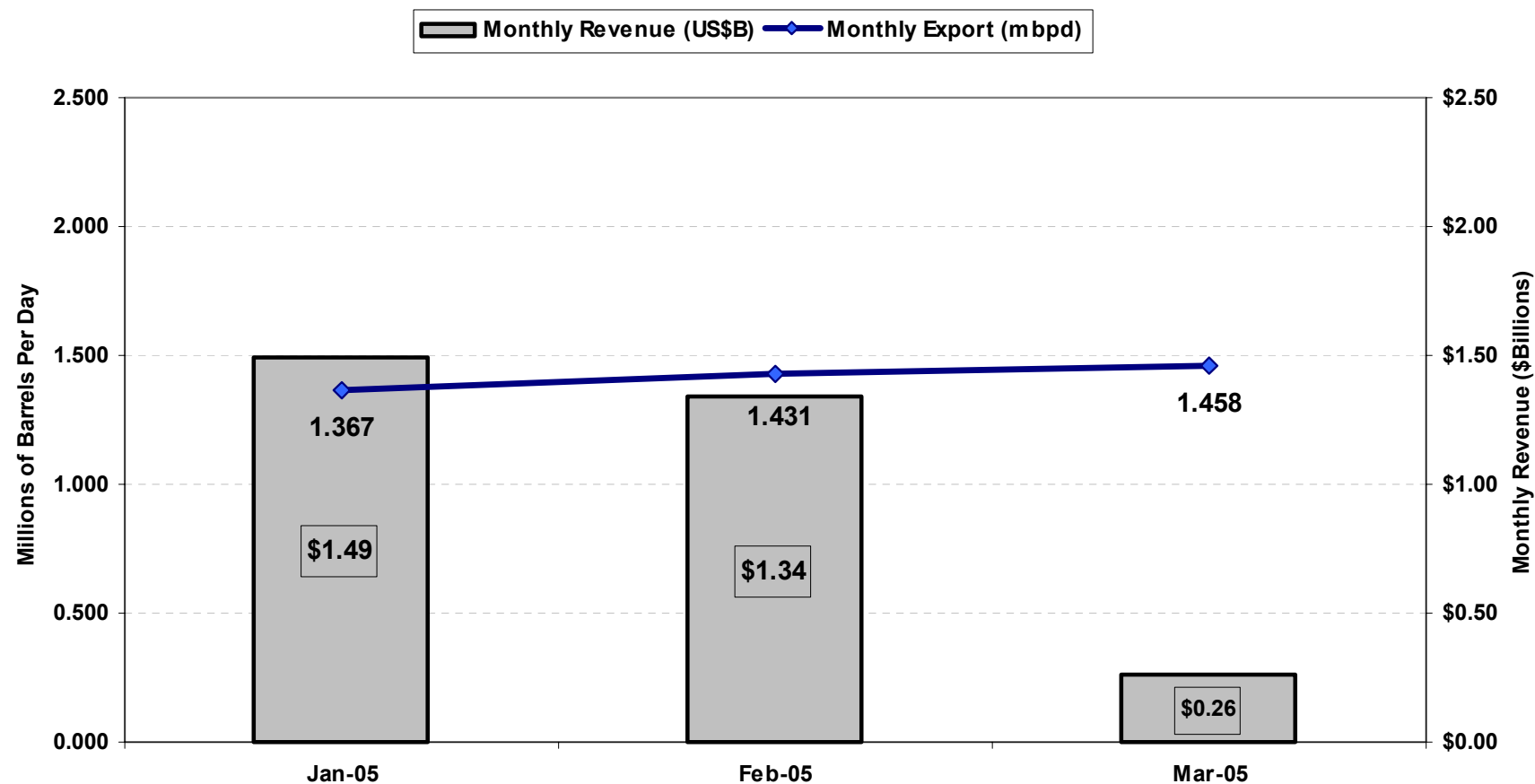
ï Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 2003

ï Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy ñ Crude Oil Export

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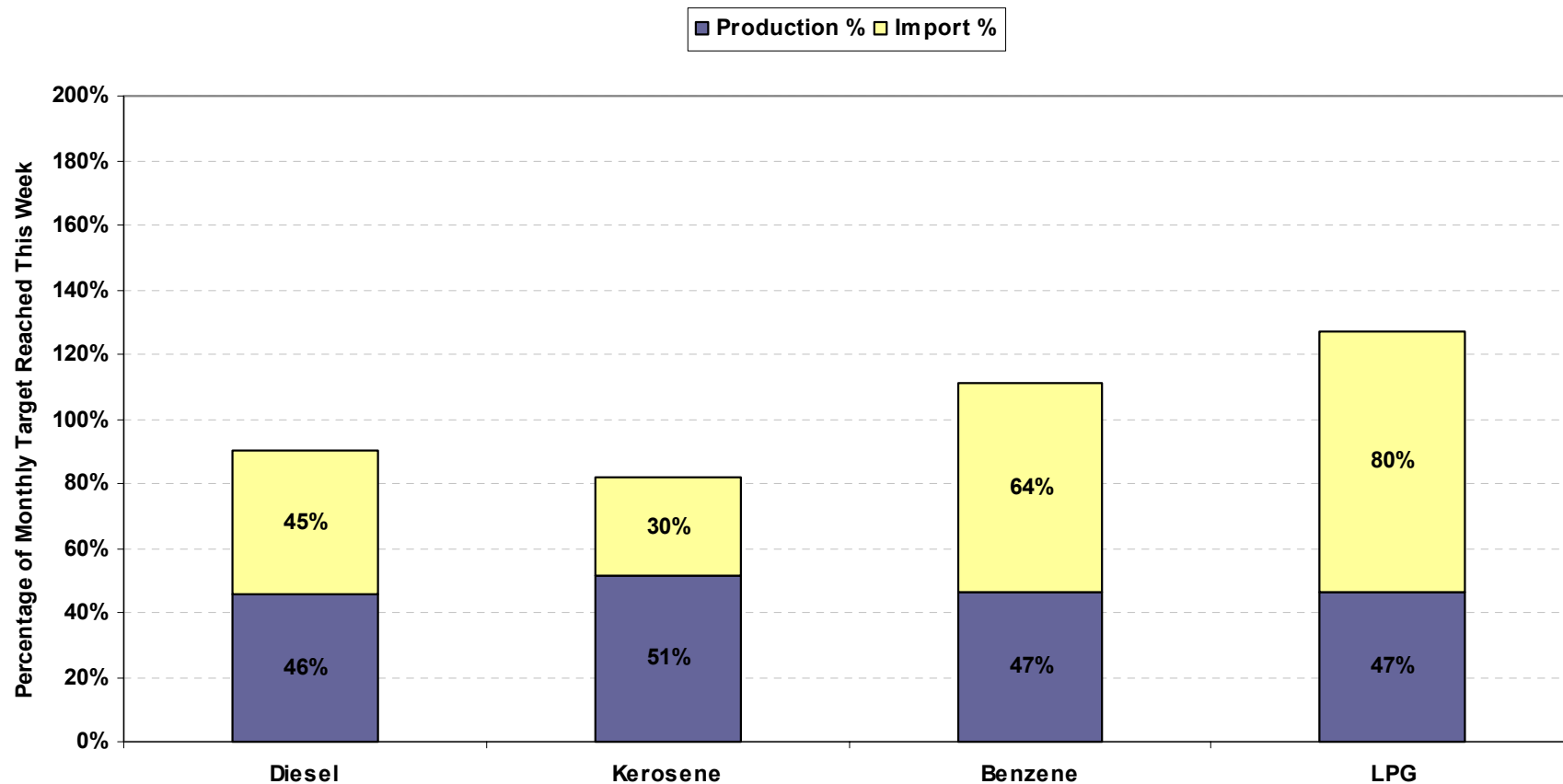


ĩ 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 M
 ĩ 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
 ĩ 2005 Revenue: \$3,090.0 M (to date)

Note: 5 percent of war reparations to Kuwait have been withdrawn from revenue totals.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy ñ Refined Products

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Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of February 20-27

ï Diesel: 16.3 ML of 17.5 ML

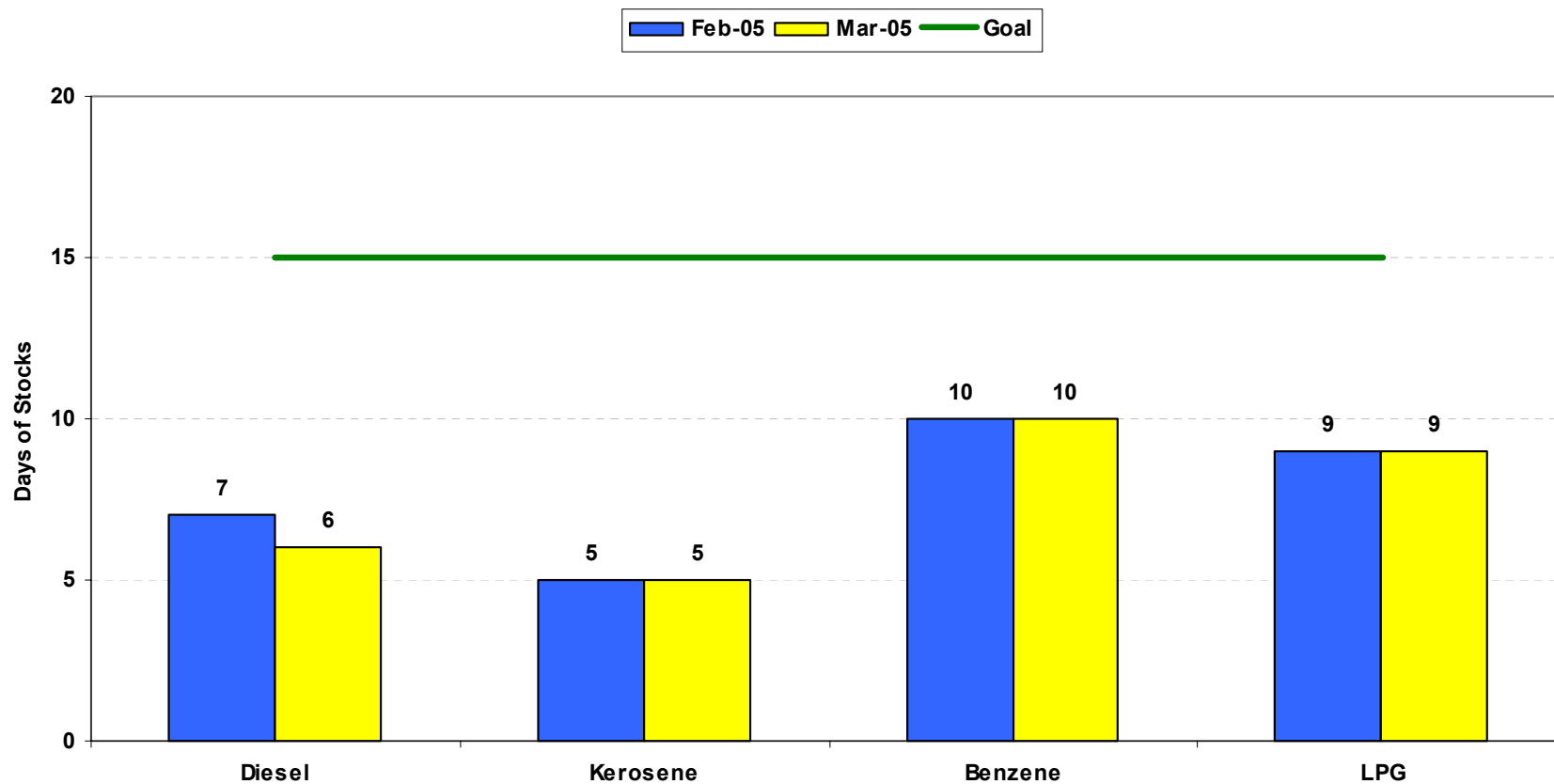
ï Benzene: 20.0 ML of 18 ML

ï Kerosene: 8.3 ML of 19.5 ML

ï LPG: 5,455 tons of 4,300 tons



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy ñ National Stock Levels



ï The goal is for all refined products to be over 15 days worth of stocks at maximum consumption rates and does not represent seasonal change. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy ñ IRRF I & II Financials

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Financial Status-IRRF I & II			Committed		Obligated		Disbursed	
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current
Security and Law Enforcement	5,045	5,045	4,549	4,600	3,575	3,621	1,524	1,581
Electricity Sector	4,369	4,078	3,669	3,805	2,755	2,759	830	853
Oil Infrastructure	1,701	1,701	1,492	1,580	936	937	157	169
Justice, Public Safety, and Civil Society	1,120	1,121	978	981	702	729	177	184
Democracy	832	832	751	753	661	662	221	224
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	379	379	253	251	227	228	62	62
Roads, Bridges, and Construction	359	355	343	344	190	190	48	51
Health Care	786	786	685	706	476	475	39	51
Transportation and Communications	513	513	500	496	332	324	44	47
Water Resources and Sanitation	2,279	1,770	1,731	1,752	953	958	76	82
Private Sector Development	843	835	804	806	759	761	431	431
Admin Expense (USAID)	213	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
IRRF II SUBTOTAL	18,439	17,444	15,784	16,103	11,595	11,673	3,638	3,764
IRRF II CONSTRUCTION	11,306	10,378	9,590	9,903	6,713	6,759	1,689	1,774
IRRF II NON-CONSTRUCTION	6,301	6,232	5,443	5,447	4,221	4,252	1,728	1,766
IRRF II DEMOCRACY	832	832	751	753	661	662	221	224
IRRF I SUBTOTAL	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,150	2,150
GRAND TOTAL IRRF I & II	20,914	19,919	18,259	18,578	14,070	14,148	5,788	5,914

Data as of March 9, 2005

No data received from OPIC or USIP this week; changes driven by actions on obligations
Data reported in millions USD

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[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law ñ Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights



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Renovating Human Rights Center:

- ï A human rights center in south central Iraq renovated a portion of their facility through an Iraq Transition Initiative grant. This assistance has enabled the center to offer a secure, comfortable learning environment for all groups in the community interested in human rights and the democratic process.

USAID Human Rights Action Plan:

- ï USAID has developed an action plan for its programs in Iraq to respect human rights in general and women's rights in particular. The plan will help ensure that both men and women have the opportunity to participate as productive members of Iraqi society by focusing on reforming the legal system, increasing women's participation in all sectors, adopting principles to reduce gender disparities, and developing monitoring and evaluation tools for these processes.

[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law ñ Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights



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Rule of Law:

- ï The Iraqi Special Tribunal (IST) continues to process its first case against five defendants (including Saddamís half-brother Barzan Al-Tikrit) on charges related to the 1982 massacre in the town of Ad-Dujayl. The trial has not been set and the case remains in the discovery process.
- ï The Regime Crimes Liaison Office (RCLO) North conducted seven interviews in two separate villages in connection with the Anfal campaign.
- ï IST Courtroom now under construction is scheduled to be completed by April 7.
- ï After the assassination of Judge Barweez Muhammed Mahmoud al-Mirani, IST is currently exploring more secure housing for IST judges and their families.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support ñ **Developments**

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International Support:

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- ï In preparation for future UN presences in Basra and Erbil, the UN requested additional "inner ring" security personnel (Personal Security Details and Guard Units) from the Government of Fiji to support the peacekeeping mission in Iraq. The request is currently under consideration. If accepted, two more military companies from Fiji will be identified for deployment.
- ï The Netherlands turned over control of its main encampment in Samawah to the British on March 7, as Dutch forces will be returning to the Netherlands.
- ï An additional 450 Australian troops are expected to arrive soon to assist the UK in backfilling the Dutch presence.
- ï An additional 550 Georgian troops arrived in theater as part of a UN Protection Force.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support ñ Stability Contributors

27 MNF-I Contributors (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Latvia	Poland
Armenia	Estonia	Lithuania	Romania
Australia	Georgia	Macedonia	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Italy	Moldova	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Japan	Mongolia	Ukraine
Czech Rep	Kazakhstan	Netherlands	UK
Denmark	Korea	Norway	

TOTAL ~ 25,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq. NTM-I forces in country total over 80 additional personnel from 14 countries, including the US.

28 Countries and NATO
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations



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